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*The Throughbred*

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Bright and early in the morning, Mother Bird plays her magic flute to coax Willie Worm from his slumbers. Fascinated by the music, Willie crawls out of bed and climbs a pole to the surface of the ground. A few moments later the worm is in Mother Bird's bill on the way to the nest as breakfast food for three chippies. After the meal, Mother Bird takes her trio out of the nest. She puts them through setting up exercises and then makes them try to fly. Another early riser is Fido Dog who stands by the river bank and makes the fish jump over sticks and perform other tricks. Farmer Al Falfa is another early "bird". He sees Mrs. Rabbit pushing her baby carriage with three cute bunnies. With steady aim, Al fires at the Rabbit family. The bullet demolishes the carriage but the Rabbits escape. Then Al fires at some more Rabbits. Now Fido Dog hears the shots and disapproves of Al's actions. The good-hearted canine runs up to Farmer Al and cries: "Cease! How would you like to be a poor little Rabbit?" Al pictures in his mind how it feels to be chased by a giant rabbit. The farmer sheds tears as he realizes his cruelty. All the while these happenings are going on, the bird family is practicing flying. The chippies see-saw and flutter about until Henry Cat sees them. Stealthily he slinks up and pounces upon a young bird. Mother Bird cries in alarm and Fido hears her call. The plucky little dog runs after the cat. He catches up with Henry just as he is about to eat the bird. A fight ensues. Fido makes Henry open his jaws and drop the little bird. Enraged, the Cat seizes a sword. Fido also grabs one and they duel. With agile strokes Fido cuts Henry into slivers like pancakes. But true to his nine lives, the Cat comes to life again. Afraid to fight anymore with Fido, Henry runs off to tell the dog catcher that Fido is at large. No sooner does Fido return the little bird to the nest than the Dog-Catcher runs up and nets the kind-hearted Dog. Mother Bird sees Fido in his predicament and goes to his assistance. She pecks at the Dog-Catcher and manages to make him drop Fido. Then the bird picks up the Dog and flies away to safety. Fido proves himself a regular thoroughbred dog by his big-heartedness and Mother Bird's act proves the truth of the moral: "One good turn deserves another."

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